WinSALTS/32

The 32-bit version of the WinSALTS Program

WinSALTS/32 DAMES Guide
How to Download, Install and Use DAMES with WinSALTS/32

(Version 5.01 of WINSALTS)

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DAMES SOFTWARE

DAASC Automated Message Exchange System, or DAMES, is a separate software program developed by DAAS Dayton. For SALTS customers, DAMES is "linked" with WinSALTS/32 and then used as the menu interface for preparing outgoing MILSTRIP files for SALTS transmission. Thus, DAMES ensures proper format and sets the data ready for DAASC processing, and WinSALTS/32 handles the actual data transmission

With DAMES, SALTS customers can create MILSTRIP records with its user-friendly MILSTRIP editors, or import 80-card-column MILSTRIP files from other Supply systems (i.e. SNAP).

The DAMES program is optional software for WinSALTS/32! Only SALTS customers with a requirement to upload MILSTRIP data for DAASC processing need to install DAMES with their WinSALTS program.

Pseudo COMMRI Code

The first step to implementing DAMES is to contact SALTS CENTRAL or local SALTS Detachment office (see cover page of this guide) to obtain your Pseudo COMMRI. You **MUST** obtain your Pseudo COMMRI, as it is necessary to complete the DAMES configuration.

Please record your Pseudo COMMRI Code here for future reference: _____

How to Get the Software

There are three options for obtaining the DAMES software:

1. CD-ROM disk mailing.

    Contact SALTS CENTRAL (see cover page of this guide) and we'll mail you a CD-ROM disk that contains DAMES installation software. Also on the disk, is installation software for WinSALTS/32 and PCLINK, and all documentation.

2. SALTS Web Site.

    Visit the SALTS Project on the worldwide web at www.salts.navy.mil.
    Click on the WinSALTS project logo.
    Click on the Download link.
    Click on the link for the DAMES self-extracting zip file.

3. Local SALTS Detachment Office.

    Contact your local SALTS Detachment Office (see cover page of this guide) for an on-site visit.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

Launch Windows.

Note: If using Windows NT, you may need Administrator privileges to properly install DAMES.

Ensure all other applications and programs are closed.

If installing from a SALTS CD, place the SALTS CD into the CD-ROM drive (usually D or E).
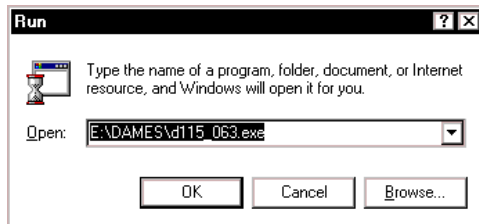
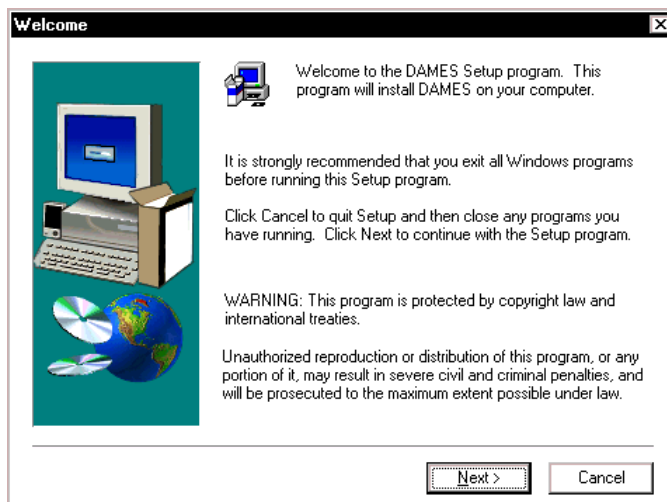Click the Start button.
Select Run.
In the Open box, type:

C:\\<directory_name>\d206_027.exe   or…

E:\dames\d206_027.exe (for CD installation)
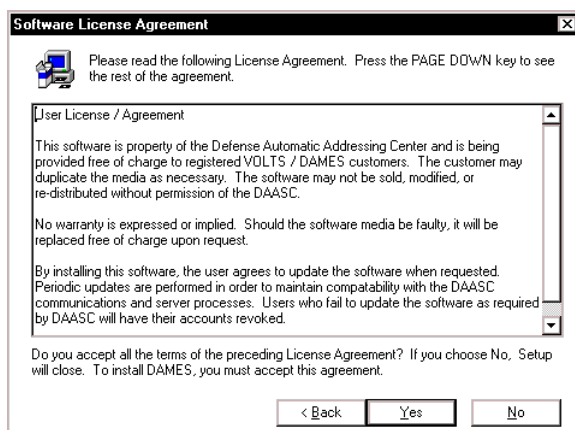

Click the OK button to continue.

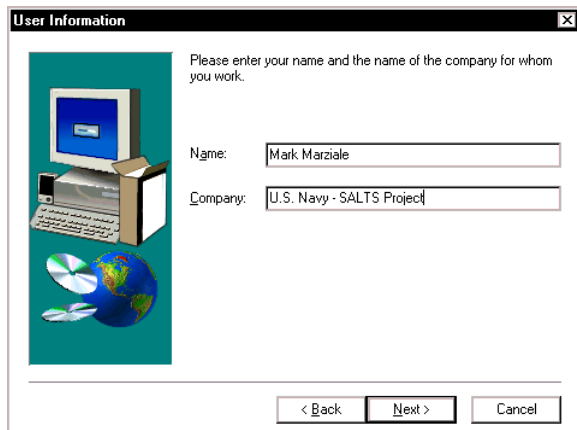Click the Next button to acknowledge the Welcome dialog box.

Please read the Software Acceptance Agreement.
Click the Yes button to accept the terms of the agreement and to continue.

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Please enter Name and Company information, if this screen appears.
Click the Next button.
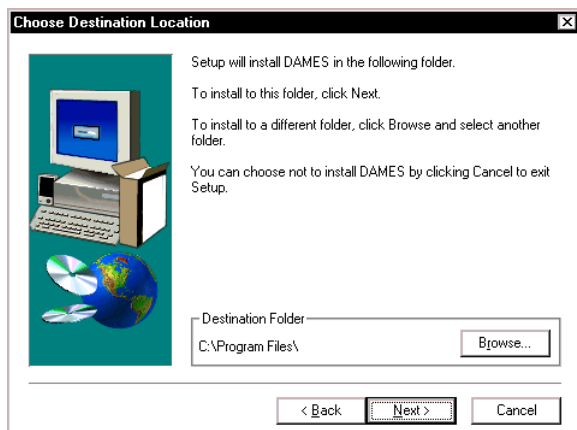

Click the Browse button if you wish to select a different Drive or Directory location for the DAMES software.
Click the Next button.

Note: It is recommended to install DAMES on the same Drive as WinSALTS/32. However, DO NOT install DAMES in the \winsalts32 directory or any of its subdirectories. DAMES should be loaded into the PROGRAM FILES Folder, per the standard installation.

Click the Next button to accept a Typical installation.
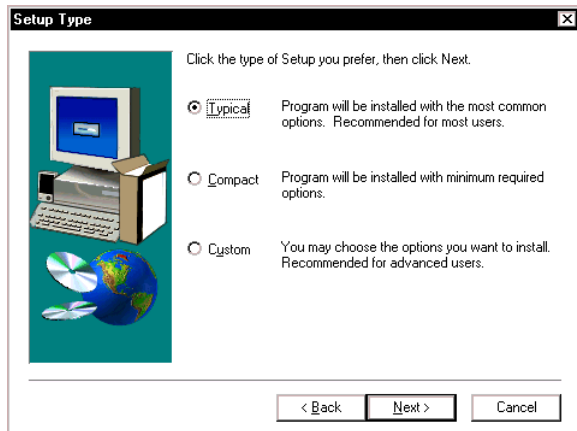
Click the Next button.
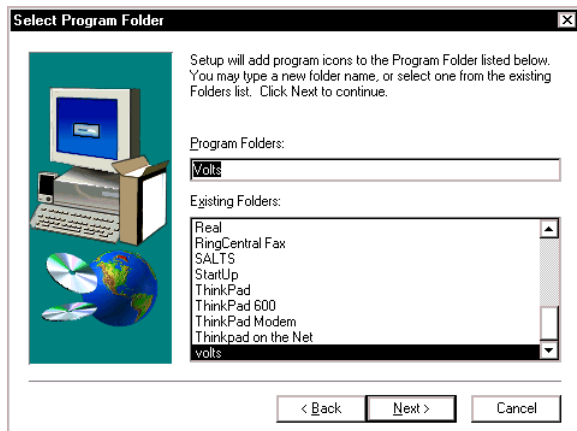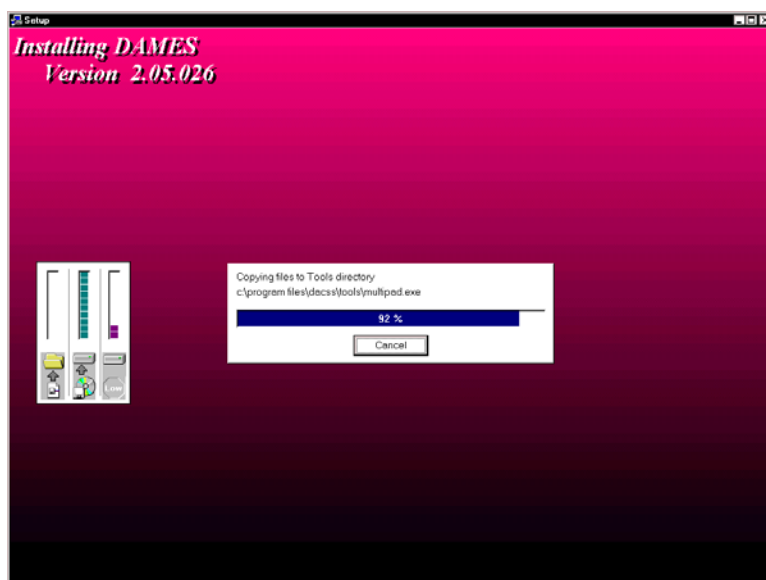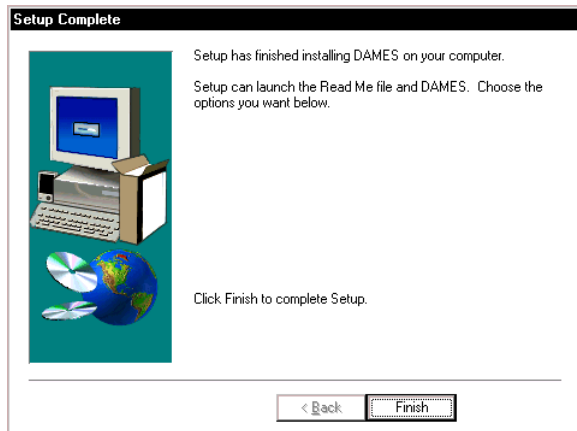

Please wait patiently as the DAMES directory structure is created and its software is loaded.

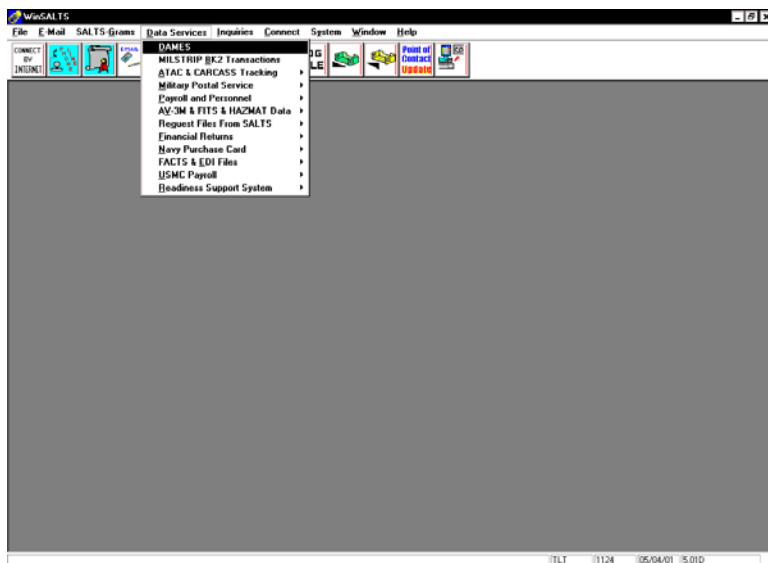Click the Finish button to complete the installation process.

CONFIGURING DAMES WITH WINSALTS/32

Once DAMES is installed, it is time to "link" it with WinSALTS/32 and configure some settings.
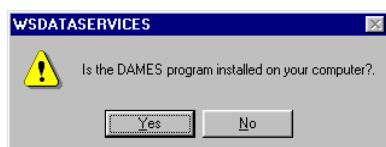
Start WinSALTS/32.
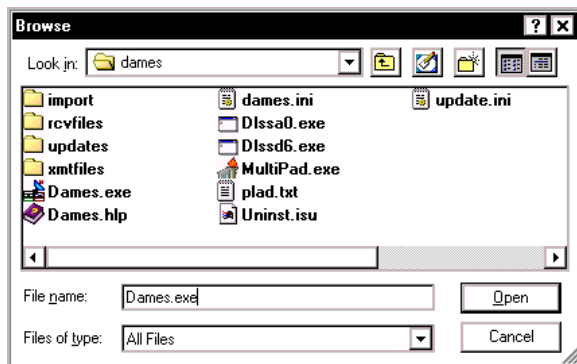Select Data Services.
Select DAMES.

The first time you run DAMES from WinSALTS/32, you must tell WinSALTS/32 the location of the DAMES software.

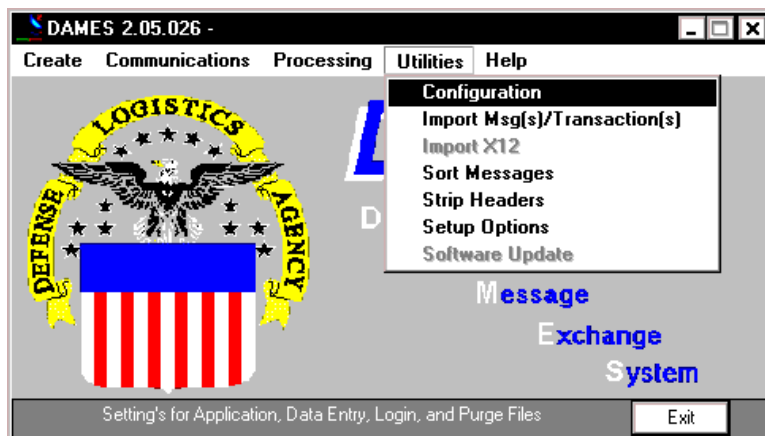Click the Yes button to continue.

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Select the appropriate Drive (usually C or D) and Folder (**\program files\dacss\dames**).
Select the file name DAMES.EXE and click the Open (or OK) button.

The DAMES subsystem should start and appear over the face of WinSALTS/32.

Select Utilities.
Select Configuration.

Click the Login Settings tab, if necessary.
Enter your 3-character SALTS Activity Code in the User ID, Client ID and Login ID blocks.
Click the Set Password button.
Enter your 3-character SALTS Activity Code in the Password block, click OK, verify it, and click OK again.
Click the OK button when finished.
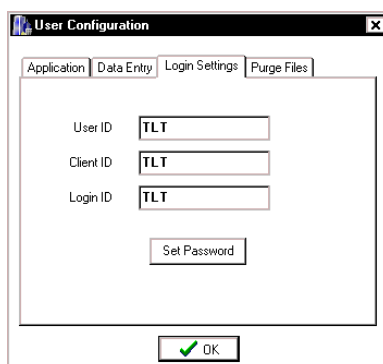
Note: Since PCLINK and DAMES share the same configuration file, if PCLINK has been installed first, the User Configuration box may already be filled in.

STOP HERE *if you do not have your Pseudo COMMRI. CONTACT SALTS IF IN DOUBT!*

Select Utilities again.
Select Setup Options.
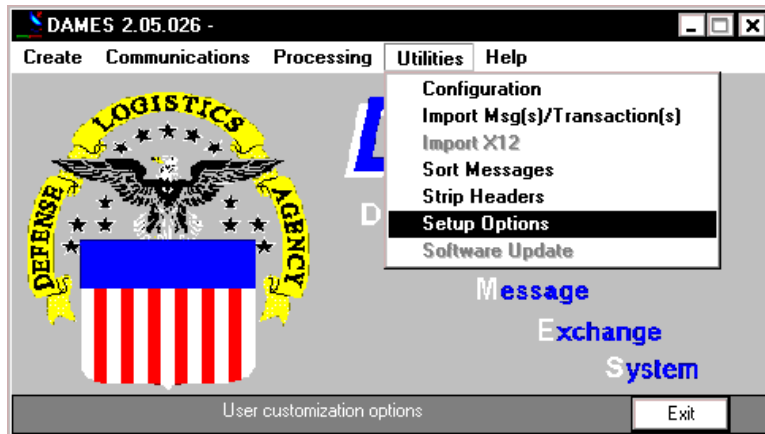
Click the COMMRI tab if necessary.
Enter your Pseudo COMMRI Code in the Pseudo COMMRI box.
Click the Add button. (It should now appear on the COMMRI List)
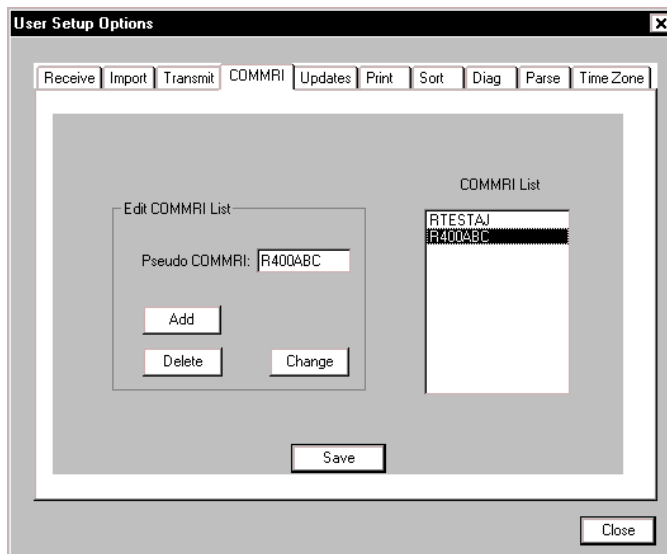
Note: The COMMRI of RTESTAJ in the COMMRI List must now be deleted! If it is not deleted, all MILSTRIP files you transmit will be rejected with "Invalid Pseudo COMMRI Code" error messages!

Note: All Psuedo COMMRI Codes assigned from SALTS CENTRAL begin with "R400" (Romeo, four, zero, zero). It is important you do not substitute or mistake the number zero with the letter "O" (Oscar).

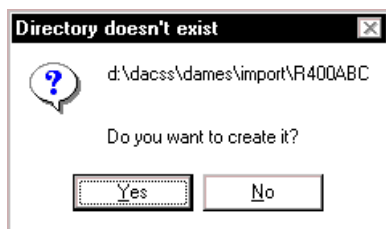Click the RTESTAJ Code in the COMMRI List until it appears in the Pseudo COMMRI box.
Click the Delete button. (It should be deleted from the COMMRI List)
Click the Save button.
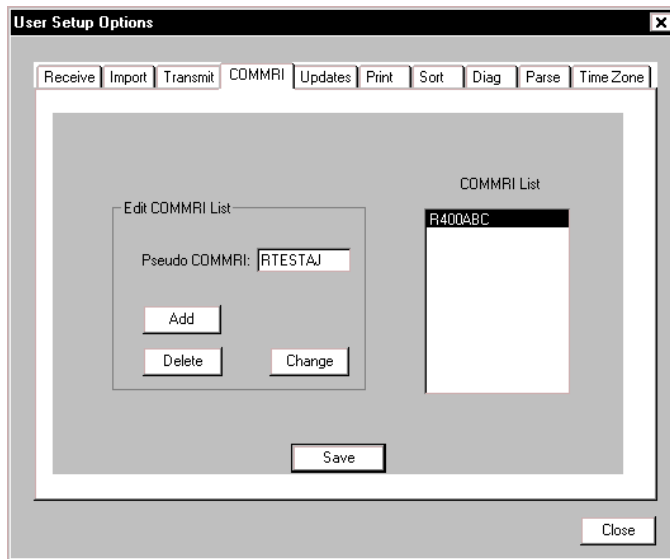
Click the Yes button to create the Import directory.

Click the Yes button to create the Receive directory.
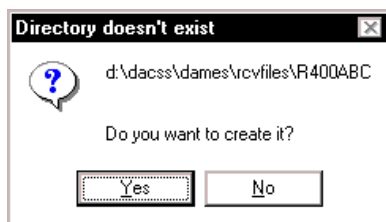
Final Check

As a final check to ensure configuration completed properly, check if the following DAMES subdirectories were created on your computer (substitute the "R400ABC" in the example, with the Pseudo COMMRI Code provided to you by SALTS CENTRAL). If either directory is missing, simply create it using Windows Explorer.

\program files\dacss\dames\import\R400ABC
\program files\dacss\dames\rcvfiles\R400ABC

HOW TO USE DAMES WITH WINSALTS/32

Importing MILSTRIP Files

Since the majority of SALTS customers process MILSTRIP in this manner, this option will be discussed first.

Most customers have computer Supply systems (i.e. SNAP or R-Supply) that create MILSTRIP requisition files automatically rather than using manual data entry. For these customers, they only need to Import the file into DAMES for data and format checking.

Important Note: MILSTRIP files imported into DAMES should not contain any non-MILSTRIP entries (i.e. FROM, TO, SUBJECT line, etc.). Even blank lines should be removed.

Start WinSALTS/32.
Select Data Services.
Select DAMES.
Select Utilities.
Select Import Msg(s)/Transaction(s).
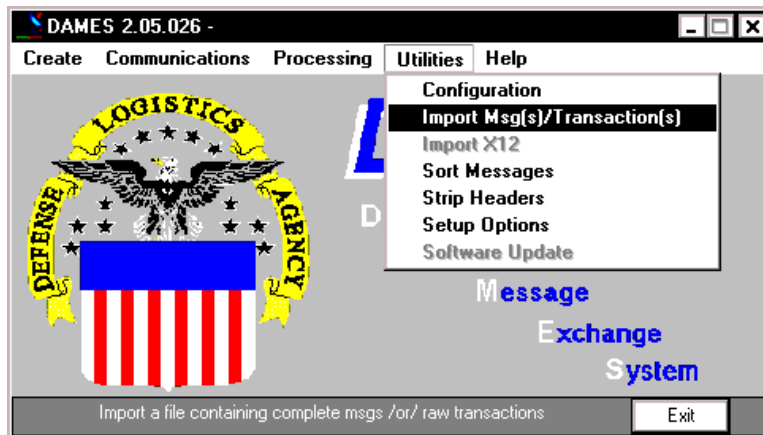
Select the appropriate Drive (usually A or C) and Folder.
Select the file name of the file you want to send to DAAS (in this example, MILSTRIP.TXT).
Click the Open (or OK) button.
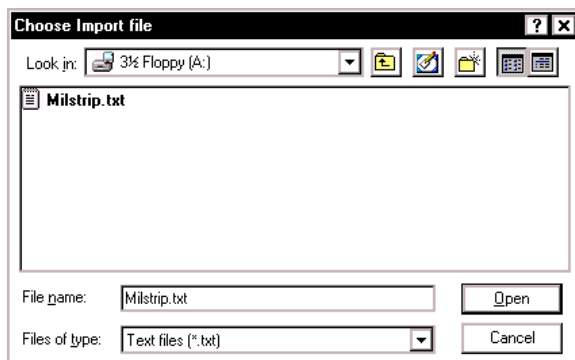
DAMES imports the file and reports how many records (MILSTRIP lines) were imported.
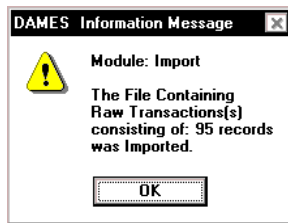
Click the OK button to continue.

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Creating MILSTRIP Files in DAMES

As mentioned earlier, DAMES includes its own MILSTRIP editors.

Note: You cannot submit Narratives, such as RODs, using the WinSALTS/DAMES interface. Also, to create BK2 MILSTRIP, see the section of this document titled, "BK2 MILSTRIP Transactions."

Start WinSALTS/32.
Select Data Services.
Select DAMES.
Select Create.
Select DLSS/Mils.
Select A0_.
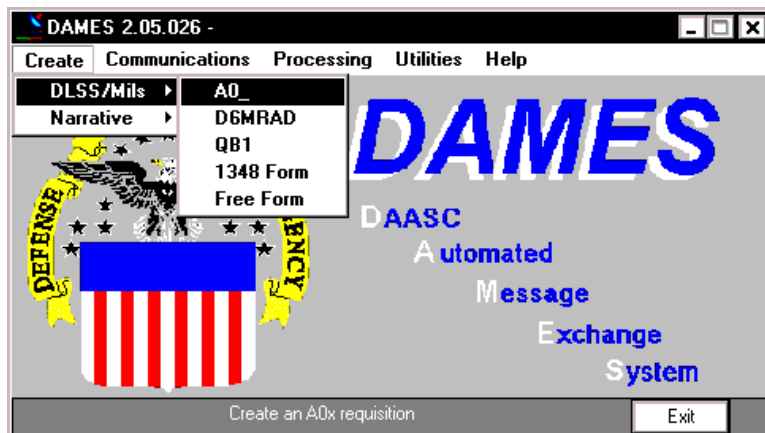
The Record Input screen appears. Notice some fields have drop-down menus. For the Document Identifier field, should the DOC ID you need does not appear in the drop-down menu, you will not be able to use this editor to create the MILSTRIP record. For the Routing Identifier and Unit of Issue fields, if the codes you need do not appear in the drop-down menu, you <u>can</u> simply type in the Routing ID or Unit of Issue you wish to use.

Notice as you move from field-to-field, the "Help on Current Item" box provides you helpful information on each field. Also notice the "Viewing record _ of _" indicator just above the Previous and Submit buttons to know which record you're working on and how many have been created.

Fill-in the required fields on the Record Input screen.
Click the Submit button to complete each record and go on to the next record.
Click the Previous button to navigate backwards.
Click the Delete Current button to delete the current record.
Click the Close button when no further records are to be added.

After exiting the Record Input screen:

Select Communications.
Select Process Files.
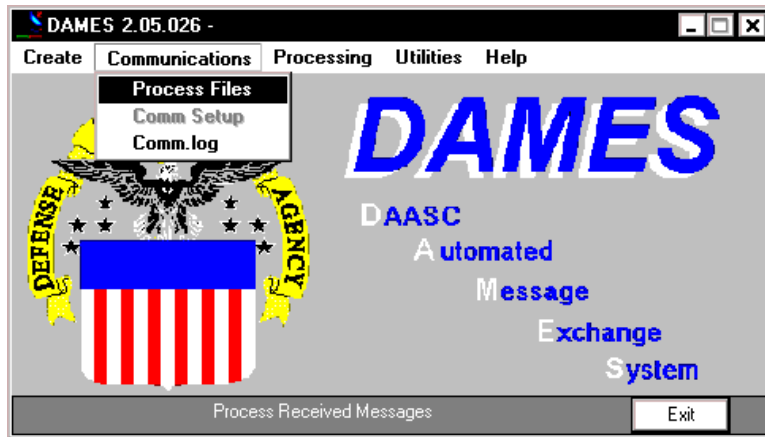
If you want to print the MILSTRIP file you just created, go to the next section, "*Printing the MILSTRIP File*." Else,
STOP HERE and proceed to the section titled, "*Transmitting MILSTRIP Files*."

Printing the MILSTRIP File

Before exiting DAMES and returning to WinSALTS/32, you may want a printout of the MILSTRIP for filing.

Select Processing.
Select View Xmit Message(s).

Select the MILSTRIP file name. (It will have a .XMT file extension)
Click the Open (or OK) button.

Choose Xmit file to view

Look in: xmtfiles

124_0001.xmt

File name: 124_0001.xmt   Open

Files of type: Xmit files (*.xmt)   Cancel

Click the Print button to print the MILSTRIP message.
Click the Close button when finished.

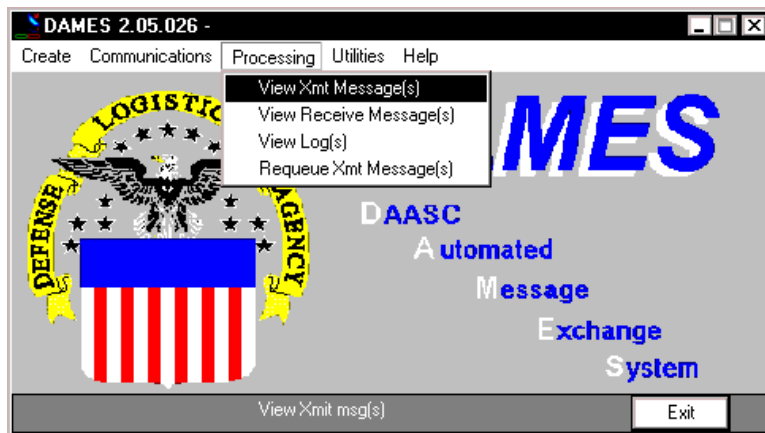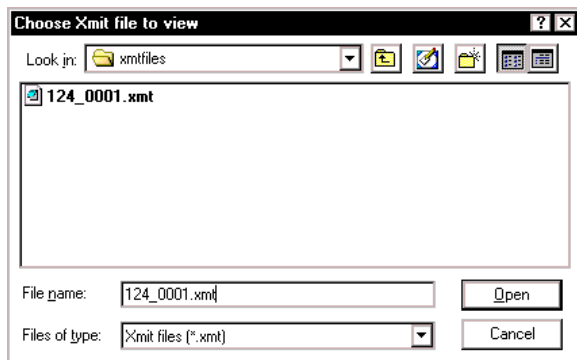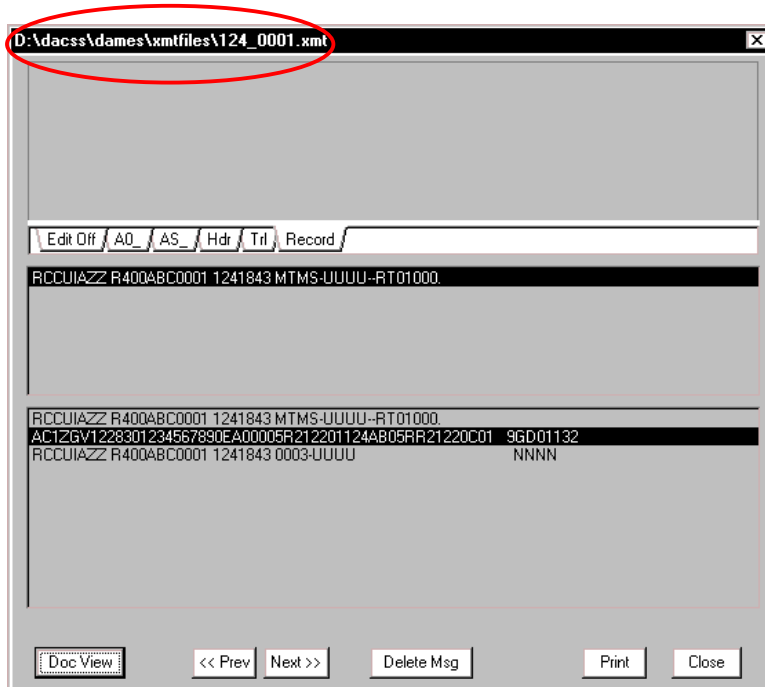**D:\dacss\dames\xmtfiles\124_0001.xmt**

Edit Off / A0_ / AS_ / Hdr / Trl \ Record /

RCCUIAZZ R400ABC0001 1241843 MTMS-UUUU--RT01000.

RCCUIAZZ R400ABC0001 1241843 MTMS-UUUU--RT01000.
AC1ZGV1228301234567890EA00005R212201124AB05RR21220C01   9GD01132
RCCUIAZZ R400ABC0001 1241843 0003-UUUU   NNNN

Doc View   << Prev   Next >>   Delete Msg   Print   Close

Note: No changes to the MILSTRIP data can be made here, even though certain onscreen tabs give the impression that changes can be done. If you want to make changes, simply open the file using a text editor (i.e. Windows NOTEPAD). The location of the file appears at the top of the box (in the circle above).

Note: The Delete Msg button deletes all the MILSTRIP data.

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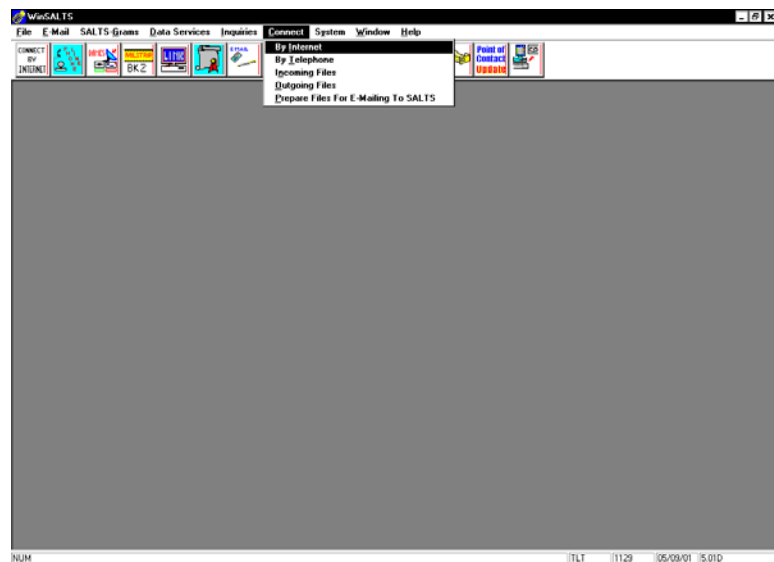
TRANSMITTING MILSTRIP FILES

Now that the MILSTRIP files have been filtered through DAMES, they are ready to be transmitted to DAASC via WinSALTS/32.
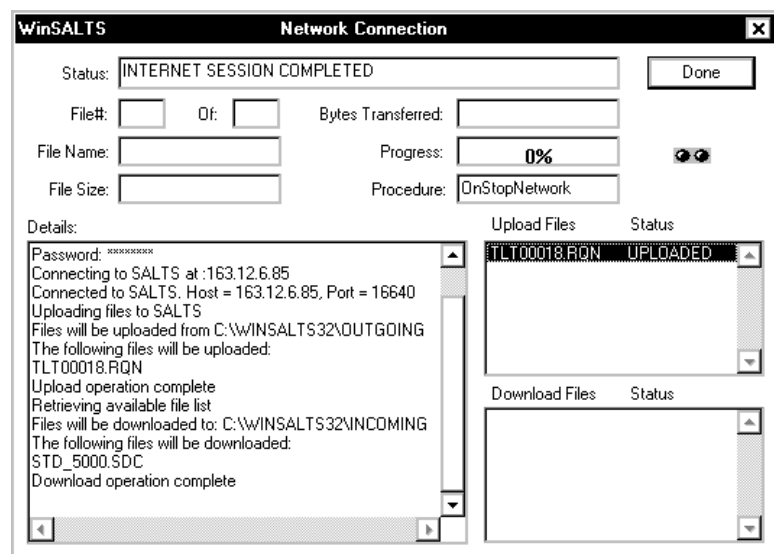
Select the Exit button to close DAMES and return to WinSALTS/32.
In WinSALTS/32, select Connect.
Select "By Internet" or "By Telephone" (depending on how you connect to SALTS).

During the connection, you should notice the MILSTRIP file packet (.RQN) upload to SALTS. If any MILSTRIP status files are awaiting pick-up, they will automatically download to your SALTS terminal.

BK2 MILSTRIP TRANSACTIONS

The DAMES program does not allow users to create BK2 MILSTRIP records. The following procedure can be used to create BK2 MILSTRIP records using the WinSALTS/32 BK2 MILSTRIP Transactions option.

Create the BK2 File

Start WinSALTS/32.
Select Data Services.
Select MILSTRIP BK2 Transactions.
Click the Add button.
Enter a BK2 record into the BK2 template.
Click the Done button.
Click the Add button again to enter additional BK2 records.
When all BK2 records have been entered, at the MILSTRIP Editor: New File box, click the Done button.
The Save As window appears. Select a drive/directory/filename and save the file.

Importing the BK2 File into DAMES

Once the BK2 MILSTRIP file has been created and saved to disk, it must be imported and filtered by the DAMES program. Proceed to the section titled, "*Importing MILSTRIP Files,*" on page 10 of this guide for instructions.

Note: Customers creating BK2 files in another Editor will only need to perform the steps in the section titled, "Importing MILSTRIP Files" on page 10 of this guide.

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